

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) A condom comprising:

a body having a wall, a closed end, an open end and a curved region, the wall including an interior surface and an exterior surface; and

a textured portion disposed on the exterior surface of the body within the curved region, the textured portion being operable to increase the sensation transmitted by the condom during use.

2. (Withdrawn) The condom of claim 1, wherein the curved region is positioned proximate the closed end of the body.

3. (Withdrawn) The condom of claim 1, wherein the curved region is positioned equidistant from the open end and the closed end of the body.

4. (Withdrawn) The condom of claim 1, wherein the textured portion includes a plurality of ridges.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The condom of claim [[5]] 21, wherein the protrusion extends circumferentially around the body.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The condom of claim [[7]] 21, wherein the material is a fluid.

9. (Original) The condom of claim 8, is taken from the group consisting of a gel and a saline solution.

10. (Currently Amended) The condom of claim [[7]] 21, wherein the material is taken from the group consisting of a polymer, a foam and a sponge.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The condom of claim [[5]] 21, where the protrusion is reversible.

13. (Currently Amended) The condom of claim [[5]] 21, where the body has a longitudinal axis and the protrusion extends inwardly relative to the longitudinal axis.

14. (Currently Amended) The condom of claim [[5]] 21, where the body has a longitudinal axis and the protrusion extends outwardly relative to the longitudinal axis.

15. (Withdrawn) The condom of claim 5, further comprising an insert, the insert being positioned in and engaging the interior surface of the body to provide support for the protrusion.

16. (Withdrawn) The condom of claim 15, wherein the insert has a shape selected from the group consisting of a circle, an oval, a square and a rectangle.

17. (Withdrawn) The condom of claim 15, wherein the insert having a diameter in a range between 1/64 inch and 4 inches and a width in a range between 1/64 and 4 inches.

18. (Withdrawn) A condom comprising:
a body having a wall, a closed end, and an open end, the wall including an interior surface and an exterior surface; and
a retention device positioned within an interior of the body proximate the closed end and being operable to expand during use of the condom, the device having an initial unexpanded shape that is equal to or less than a diameter of the interior of the body.

19. (Withdrawn) The condom of claim 18, wherein the retention device comprises a sponge.

20. (Withdrawn) The condom of claim 18, wherein the retention device comprises a film, the film being operable to disintegrate during use of the condom.

21. (New) A condom comprising a body having a wall, a closed end and an open end, the wall defining a protrusion and including an interior surface and an exterior surface, the protrusion being filled with a material and being formed to include a long sloped surface and a short sloped surface, the long and short sloped surfaces forming an apex having an inside angle between 0 and 90 degrees and the short sloped surface defining at a base opposite the apex an outside angle with the exterior surface between 0 and 90 degrees such that the protrusion is sloped toward the open end of the body to thereby create increased friction and resistance between a user and his partner to the withdrawal of the condom.

22. (New) A condom comprising a body having a wall, a closed end and an open end, the wall including an interior surface, an exterior surface and defining a protrusion, the protrusion being formed to include a pair of opposed ends including a long sloped surface and a short sloped surface, the long and short sloped surfaces of each end forming an apex having an inside angle between 0 and 90 degrees and the short sloped surface of each end defining at a base opposite the apex an outside angle with the exterior surface between 0 and 90 degrees such that the protrusion thereby includes an end that is sloped toward the open end of the body and an end that is sloped away from the open end of the body.

23. (New) The condom of claim 22, wherein the protrusion extends circumferentially around the body.

24. (New) The condom of claim 22, wherein the protrusion is filled with a material.

25. (New) The condom of claim 24, wherein the material is a fluid.

26. (New) The condom of claim 25, wherein the fluid is taken from the group consisting of a gel and a saline solution.

27. (New) The condom of claim 24, wherein the material is taken from the group consisting of a polymer, a foam and a sponge.

28. (New) The condom of claim 22, where the protrusion is reversible.

29. (New) The condom of claim 22, wherein the body has a longitudinal axis and the protrusion extends inwardly relative to the longitudinal axis.

30. (New) The condom of claim 22, wherein the body has a longitudinal axis and the protrusion extends outwardly relative to the longitudinal axis.